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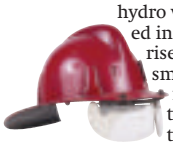
Britney paying off K-Fed

Six firefighters injured in massive blaze

FIRE A structural engineer will examine the damage to a Secord Avenue highrise after an explosion caused a five alarm fire in the east end of Toronto, near the Danforth yesterday.

Fire Chief Bill Stewart says a hydro vault exploded inside the high rise, sending smoke and a fireball into the air just after 11 a.m.



Forty-five fire vehicles responded to the scene, including two hazardous materials units.

People in nearby town homes were evacuated, but fire officials say they can return home now.

Three firefighters were taken to hospital for second degree burns and three others for smoke inhalation.

One resident was rushed to hospital for smoke inhalation.

About 1, 000 people have been affected by this fire and many still do not have hydro or power.

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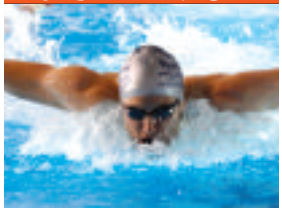

Swimmer beats financial burden

Concert **Macca pumps up Quebec City**

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sir Paul McCartney gestures as he kicks off his free concert yesterday in Quebec City. The former Beatle rocked a massive crowd, expected to be nearly 200,000 strong, as part of Quebec City's 400th anniversary celebrations. **Story, Page 4.**

Bullet-ridden bodies found in west end

Triple slaying shows signs of gang connection: Police

The person who abandoned an SUV with three bodies inside on a quiet residential street in west-end Toronto may be a victim himself, police said yesterday.

Police are trying to determine whether the driver of the gold SUV, discovered on a quiet Etobicoke street early yesterday, and the man who earlier made an anonymous call to emergency services are one and the same.

"We believe he is a victim just like the other three," Homicide Det.-Sgt. Frank Skubic said yesterday. "We have nothing to suggest the driver is the killer."

The 9-1-1 caller, a man who used his cellphone, directed police to the scene on Lunness Road in the Browns Line-Evans Avenue area at 3:40 a.m.

Minutes later authorities discovered the vehicle, windshield wipers on, headlights off and the bodies inside.

Adrian Bannerman

Kurt Charles

Aaron MacDonald

No one was in the driver's seat.

The bullet-riddled vehicle was against the curb.

The victims identified as Adrian Bannerman, 29, Aaron MacDonald, 20, and Kurt Charles, 27, all of Toronto, were pronounced dead at the scene early yesterday morning.

The three young men had been shot repeatedly. Police describe the slayings as having all the hallmarks of a gang-related incident.

Police said the men had been at a nightclub earlier that night.

Homicide Det.-Sgt. Dean Burks said he's still trying to determine where the shootings occurred, but that the gold-coloured Nissan Pathfinder was driven to the street by someone who fled the scene.

"We believe at this stage that the shooting did not occur here and the vehicle was dumped here," Burks said in a driving rainstorm at Lunness Road and Valermo Drive.

The area has quick access to Highway 427, the Queen Elizabeth Way and Gardiner Expressway, all less than a minute's drive north.

Officers shut down part of Highway 427 for several hours yesterday while they investigated.

None of the victims was from the area, Burks said.

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Teens face guns charges
Two teenage brothers were charged with gun-related crimes yesterday. Police arrested an 18- and 14-year-old in an apartment at Jane Street and Sheppard Avenue. They also seized two loaded handguns. The teens face eight gun-related charges each. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Water warning

A high-water warning was issued by the Toronto and Region Conservation after up to 80 mm of rain fell in the GTA this weekend, causing creeks and rivers to rise to potentially harmful levels — especially for children. The warning is in effect until today.

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Club shooting probed

Police searching for motive after man killed during party

The Abbey Lane shopping plaza near Port Union Road and Highway 401 was the scene of a fatal shooting early Saturday morning that left 28-year-old Michael Watson of Toronto dead.

Watson was at the Inner Circle Restaurant and Lounge where a birthday party was underway. Police say it's unclear whether he was part of the celebrations.

"We don't know the motive," said Det. Wayne Banks yesterday. "Our belief is that it's just one shooter, but it doesn't exclude the possibility there were more."

"Any time a nightclub like this opens up there will be trouble. But I didn't expect a shooting. We're trying to move out."
Paul Dastou, nearby resident

Police also have not determined whether Watson was the intended target.

Up to 15 shots were fired inside the club and Watson was pronounced dead at the scene.

After the shooting, patrons began fleeing the club in a panic, Banks said. Paid-duty officers were working there that night, but they could not stop people from leaving out the front and rear doors.

As officers were securing the scene at the rear of the building, a vehicle travelling the on-ramp to Highway 401 westbound fired shots in that direction, he said.

"We don't know if it was related or directed at police," he said.

Paul Dastou, who lives across the street, said the restaurant was never busy during the day.

"Lots of young people were hanging out at night," he said.

"Any time a nightclub like this opens up there will be trouble. But I didn't expect a shooting," he said. "We're trying to move out."

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Fewer picking teaching jobs

For the first time in years — and amid a slump in the job market — the number of applications for teacher education has dropped.

The Ontario Universities' Application Centre recorded almost 20 per cent fewer applications for education programs starting this fall, as compared to last year.

"I think everybody has done a really effective job of making people understand the teacher shortage is over," says Pat Rogers, who heads the University of Windsor's faculty of education and chairs the Ontario Association of Deans of Education.

The figures represent concurrent programs, in which students earn an undergraduate and teaching degree at the same time, usually five years. Rogers said she believes applications were also down slightly for one-year consecutive programs, for students who already have an undergraduate degree.

This year's cool-down still gives faculties huge pools of candidates to choose from, Rogers said.

"We regard this as a temporary thing, and part of the labour market cycle," she added.

The province has roughly 7,500 teacher education spots.

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Numbers

- Applications for education have spiked in recent years — a 90 per cent increase from 2002 to 2003 and 50 per cent from 2004 to 2005. Last year, applications were up 15 per cent from 2006.

Braving the rain **Soggy weekend**

AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pedestrians wait patiently for a streetcar yesterday while braving the rain on the corner of Bathurst and College streets. The GTA was hit with anywhere between 40 and 80 mm of rain on the weekend, said Environment Canada meteorologist Ela Ros.

Guns

Chicago Mayor Daley praises Miller

Handguns have no place in big cities, says Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

In Toronto for a Great Lakes water quality conference, Daley vowed to vigorously defend Chicago's handgun ban, in effect since 1982, against legal challenges.

And he praised Toronto Mayor David Miller for lobbying Ottawa to ban handguns and to press the United States to reduce the smuggling of weapons into the city from south of the border.

"I give Dave Miller a lot of credit," Daley said Friday. "What he sees, unfortunately, is a lot of guns coming here from the United States. Exporting guns is something the United States should not be proud of."

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442

It's difficult to say whether Chicago's ban has had any practical effect. Murders have declined sharply since the 1992 peak of 943 — down last year to 442, in a city with a population a little larger than Toronto's. But the murder rate of 15.6 per 100,000 remains one of the highest in the U.S., above that of New York and Los Angeles.

Wellness Games **Doggy power**

RICK ELKIN/TORONTO SUN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Heidi, a 12-year-old dachshund with a spinal cord injury, takes part in the wheelchair race yesterday during the Canine Wellness Games at the Canine Wellness Centre in East York. Money raised at the event went to the Smiling Blue Skies Cancer Fund at the University of Guelph and Rehab For Rescues Fund.

Police

Resident finds gun in laneway

PISTOL Police from TAVIS — the Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy — were approached yesterday by a Regent Park resident, who gave them information about a gun in a laneway in the John and Queen streets area.

The fully loaded .380-calibre pistol was then found in the laneway by police.

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Dispute delaying program for zoo revitalization: Source

FUNDRAISING Lack of confidence in the Toronto Zoo Foundation's ability to raise enough money for an ambitious revitalization program lies behind a nasty dispute with the zoo board, says a source on the board.

The zoo is about to embark on a fundraising drive for a $250-million expansion, including renovated enclosures for the elephants, gorillas, cougars and polar bears, and an effort to establish a stronger conservation and "green" education program as part of its mandate.

Behind the scenes, there's a push on at the zoo to end its agreement with the foundation for the project and hire in its place an executive director in charge of fundraising, supplemented by consultants, said the source, who requested anonymity because the discussions haven't been made public.

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News in brief

CRIME Police have confirmed the victims of two shootings — one of them fatal — at the same east-end apartment building within a week are connected. Both occurred on an outdoor stairwell at an apartment complex on Mornelle Court, near Ellesmere Road and Morningside Avenue. An unnamed 22-year-old was shot July 12; Shazad Khawaja, 17, was shot dead July 17. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Three sought in gas station robbery

Police are seeking three people after the Esso gas station at Peter Robertson Boulevard and Dixie Road in Brampton was robbed just after 11:30 p.m. Saturday. The young men, who told the attendant they had a weapon, took cash and fled on foot. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bombardier still keen on TTC deal

TRANSIT Bombardier Inc. says it is still interested in pursuing the $1.25-billion contract to supply Toronto's transit system with new streetcars despite the city's rejection of the Montreal-based company's original proposal.

The Toronto Transit Commission has told the Montreal-based company that its proposed vehicle would literally derail if used on the city's streetcar tracks.

Bombardier had said its Flexity design, expected to be at least partially assembled in Thunder Bay, could handle the tight curves and hills on Toronto's streets.

David Slack, a spokesman for Bombardier's transportation division, said last week the company is interested in the contract because "it's a major piece of business."

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Honest Ed's **Celebrating 60th anniversary**

AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toros Djerdjeian, right, also known as Mr. Canada, proudly showcases Ed Mirvish while David Mirvish, left, makes the rounds greeting guests during the Honest Ed's 60th anniversary celebration at the landmark store at 581 Bloor Street West.

Many riders reunited with bikes

THEFTS Katherine Dalziel had almost given up hope when she saw it, lying wheels-up on the concrete floor of the police warehouse: her beloved blue and white Norco road bike, gone missing from a Financial District bike post just over a week ago.

But there it was, still whole, if a little bruised. At least it was there.

"I had very low expectations," said Dalziel, 45, who dropped by the Liberty Village warehouse yesterday hoping to retrieve the bike she bought 19 years ago, now probably worth more in memories than in cash. "I'm thrilled to have it back."

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cyclist Tom Mandel, left, speaks with Const. William Wang of 14 Division as he sifts through a wide array of bikes at a three-day open house of recovered property Saturday.

"I had very low expectations. I'm thrilled to have it (the bike) back."
Katherine Dalziel

It was a day of hope and relief for many Toronto cyclists, the climax of a massive police bust that targeted what some consider the city's largest and most notorious bicycle theft ring.

Victims of recent and long-ago thefts trolled the warehouse yesterday, examining 215 battered and upended bikes.

As of Saturday, 26 bikes had been reclaimed by their rightful riders.

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Criminal beliefs debunked

Canadians may be wrong about race-crime link

On any given day in Canada, on any busy city bus, on any main street, take a look around. There are criminals among us — about 10 per cent of adults. Picture the 50 people on the bus, and ask yourself, which five are criminals?

Many Canadians identify the wrong people.

In a national survey, Torstar asked Canadians how many people with a Canadian criminal record are visible minority, including aboriginals.

The average response: About one in three. The correct answer: One in six.

The real answer comes from a Torstar analysis of an RCMP database containing the criminal histories of 2.9 million people, obtained in a freedom of information request. It shows that the percentage of "non-whites" with a criminal record is 16.7 per cent — below 2006 Census data on the total percentage of visible minorities and aboriginal groups in Canada (20.0). The average response in the survey was 36.7 per cent.

Canadians' perceptions were also off on what proportion of Canada's population is visible minority and immigrant. Respondents guessed high on both counts, which might explain, in part, why misperceptions about criminals are as great as they are.

36.7

Percentage of people with criminal records presumed to be "non-whites" by Canadians in a Toronto Star survey. RCMP database shows the number is actually 16.7 per cent.

Canadian governments and police forces generally do not distribute race and crime statistics, partly out of a fear it will stigmatize communities and fuel racism. But the lack of information may be another reason why Canadians thought people with criminal records were disproportionately non-white.

"The interesting thing about the findings," says University of Toronto criminologist Scot Wortley, "is that under a situation where (race and crime information is not distributed) people still have the perception that minorities are more involved in crime, and in fact this perception is far worse than the reality. In many ways, (the) data show that this ban on these statistics has not protected minorities at all. In fact, it may have made it worse."

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Impaired driving charges in car-cop cruiser crash
A 41-year-old woman faces impaired driving-related criminal charges after a car crashed into a police cruiser early yesterday morning in Ottawa. There were no injuries but both vehicles were heavily damaged. **METRO CANADA**

Canada

MP admits to election violation

B.C. Independent MP Blair Wilson says he wants to return to the Liberal caucus and run under the party's flag in the next federal election. The West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast MP made the comments yesterday, after admitting last week that he violated the Canada Elections Act when he ran for a seat as a Liberal in the 2006 election. He says he didn't disclose election spending and accepted the donation of 144 umbrellas during the election.

Parliament renos to cost $1B

HISTORIC The cost of renovating and rebuilding the historic Parliament Hill buildings has climbed to a minimum of $1 billion, according to Public Works budgets and plans.

The latest estimates the department provided to The Canadian Press do not include additional costs for major repairs to the Centre Block, where corner towers are already bound by steel cables to prevent possible collapse. The entire renovation project will not be complete for more than a decade.

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People fall as the first spectators dash for the concert ground for Paul McCartney's performance yesterday in Quebec City.

Macca mania

Music icon Paul McCartney exploded onto an old battleground yesterday, churning out a song list laden with Beatles tunes to a pumped up crowd on the historic Plains of Abraham.

"Bon soir les Quebecois, bon soir toute le gang," the ex-Beatle shouted to his Quebec City faithful after he opened the show by belting out the Wings song Jet.

The crowd erupted and the band turned it up a notch by ripping into the Beatles' classic Drive My Car and All My Loving.

Organizers expected some 200,000 people at the free outdoor concert on the Plains of Abraham. It was McCartney's first appearance in Canada since 2005. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

PROBE RCMP have linked a severed foot found off the coast of B.C. to a depressed man who went missing a year ago. Five feet washed up last year, each encased in a running shoe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ACCUSED Murky ownership of two Montreal companies is feeding allegations by activists that the firms are being used as fronts for Israeli developers intent on building settlements in Palestinian territory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prison break
Two inmates escaped overnight Saturday from a minimum security prison in southeastern New Brunswick, according to officials at the Westmorland Institution. The two missing men are 20-year-old Ronald Mack Makokis and 19-year-old William Randall McAllister. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soldier mourned

AFGHAN MISSION Hundreds of Canadian soldiers and their allies gathered under a sunset sky to bid farewell to Cpl. James Hayward Arnal as he began his final journey home yesterday. Arnal was killed by a roadside bomb Saturday.

Cpl. James Hayward

Arnal had left a lucrative career to join the Canadian Forces, had been to Afghanistan twice, and was already pleading with his superiors to be sent back for a third tour next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bucking bronco **Getting tossed**

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Fred Coupland, 12, is knocked off a mechanical bull during the annual Shamrock Festival in Ennismore, near Peterborough, on Saturday. Other events included games and contests.

Passport race

NEW U.S. REQUIREMENTS The federal government is predicting a record surge in passport applications over the next year as Canadians get ready for tougher U.S. border rules.

Passport Canada is bracing for 5.2 million passport applications during the year ending March 31, 2009, a jump of 10 per cent over the previous year, which itself was record-breaking, an internal document shows.

The projection is based on a revamped formula that now takes into account changes such as the U.S. Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, which requires Canadians to present passports when travelling into the U.S. Previously, Canadians could show birth certificates and other documents.

As of January last year, the new passport rule kicked in for air travel.

Travellers by land and water also will need passports as of June 1 next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MARS Canada has helped a mission exploring the Red Planet to get more bang for its buck, says Peter Smith, lead scientist behind the U.S. Phoenix Mars Lander. He says a $37-million Canadian-built weather station on board is "a god-send," that works "flawlessly." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Long-lived lobster saved

HOLD THE GARLIC BUTTER The owner of a New Brunswick fish store who was auctioning off a 10-kilogram lobster, dubbed Dee-dee, says he's now going to donate her to a marine science centre in St. Andrews, N.B.

Denis Breau had accepted a $1,000 bid for the lobster from a woman who wanted to release Dee-dee back into the ocean, but Breau says he's not going to accept the money.

Instead, he'll donate 100-year-old Dee-dee to the Huntsman Marine Science Centre. Since the auction started, Dee-dee has attracted bids from both seafood lovers and those wanting to release her. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shark-infested waters
Scientists have discovered a new breeding ground for porbeagle sharks off Canada's East Coast, giving hope to a species whose numbers have been steadily slipping around the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS

World

Boost for women?

Al Gore says Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign for the White House helped change society's perception of women. But the former vice-president demurred when asked whether she was treated unfairly during the campaign because of her gender. Gore endorsed Barack Obama.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESSS

News in brief

ADULTERY Iran has sentenced eight women and one man convicted of adultery to death by stoning. The nine are between 27 and 50 years old. A lawyer and women's rights activist, Shadi Sadr, said six of the nine were convicted based solely on judges' decisions with no witnesses or the presence of their lawyers during their confessions.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOMBS Five bombs exploded in the northern part of Spain, causing damage but no injuries. An alleged Basque separatist leader claimed responsibility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEARCH ENDS A team of elite athletes and expert mountaineers has ended a week-long hunt for Steve Fossett, finding no sign of the missing adventurer. The team of 10 searchers was headed by Canadian geologist and adventure racer Simon Donato, 31.
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Colombia **Plea for freedom**

FERNANDO VERGARA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A demonstrator sits in chains, symbolizing a kidnapped person during a march against kidnapping in Bogata, Colombia, yesterday. Thousands marched for the release of those still held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

Brit PM opposes settlements

ISRAEL Visiting British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has called on Israel to stop settlement construction.

Brown has offered more financial support and police training to the Palestinian government. He said economic prosperity is key to peace, and is urging an easing of travel restrictions in the West Bank that have hindered commerce.
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Obama wants more troops in Afghanistan

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama says the situation in Afghanistan is "precarious" and "urgent."

In a TV interview during his first trip to Afghanistan, Obama says the U.S. needs to start planning now to send in more troops.

He has called for an additional one to two brigades, or about 7,000 troops, to be sent to Afghanistan to help counter a resurgent Taliban and quell rising violence. Obama told CBS News that Afghanistan has to be the central focus in the fight against terrorists.

He said the administration of President George W. Bush allowed itself to be distracted by a "war of choice" but now is the time to correct the mistake.

Obama sat down with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and pledged continued aid to the country.
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Casualties

U.S.-led troops and Afghan forces killed nine Afghan police yesterday, calling in air strikes and fighting on the ground for four hours after both sides mistook the other for militants.

Memorial service for Dziekanski

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Canada

A memorial service was held for Robert Dziekanski in his hometown this weekend, almost one year after he died after being Tasered by police at Vancouver airport.

On Saturday, mourners at a Roman Catholic Church in Pieszyce, southern Poland, were told by their priest that Dziekanski's death is a warning against the use of Tasers.

Outside the church, there is a grey stone marker with Dziekanski's photo and inscription that says he died tragically in Canada. His mother, Zofia Cisowski,who he was going to visit on that fateful trip, lives in Kamloops.

The inquiry into Dziekanski's death will be held in October.

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Sony Ericsson plans to cut 2,000 jobs
Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson posted a 97 per cent drop in second-quarter earnings Friday and said it would slash 2,000 jobs around the world in a move to cut costs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

Water heater alert

Customers who rent water heaters from Direct Energy are being warned about pitches from door-to-door salesmen from a rival company hoping to lock them into a long-term contract of up to 15 years or face a penalty to break the contract. Direct Energy customers can remove their rented water heaters without paying a penalty.
METRO NEWS SERVICES

Demand for gas softens

Drivers in Canada seem to be changing their habits as they try to cope with higher gasoline prices.

The latest figures from Statistics Canada show gasoline sales nationwide were down more than 3 per cent between May of this year and last.

Scott Wilson of the Alberta Motor Association said people have been making a few changes to their driving habits, but there are still plenty of vehicles on the highway.

"They might be driving a little less. Their vacation homes might be a little closer to home rather than farther afield," he said.

Surveys by the AMA suggest that gas prices would have to be $1.45 or higher in Alberta — where gasoline is more than 10 cents lower — before making any significant changes.

"People might just decide to grin and bear it during this summer high demand season and be quite accepting when the price does drop a little bit," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"They might be driving a little less. Their vacation homes might be a little closer to home."
Scott Wilson

News in brief

BERRYS TAKEOVER Pet Valu Canada has signed a deal to buy 15 Berrys...your PetsChoice stores in eastern Ontario. It plans to maintain operations under the Berrys banner initially. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RETIREMENT The Supreme Court ruled Friday that Potash Corp. did not violate the rights of Melrose Scott when he was forced to retire at age 65 because he had a pension plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOB CUTS Toronto-area life sciences company MDS Inc. is cutting 210 jobs at its troubled MDS Pharma Services business in an effort to boost its sagging bottom line. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRASH TALK In a stinging letter Friday, garbage disposal company Republic Services rejected a $6.19 billion US unsolicited takeover offer from larger rival Waste Management. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

The San Francisco Giants traded second baseman Ray Durham to the Milwaukee Brewers for two minor leaguers after the teams played yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Wozniak wins WTA event

Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak, left, has won her first WTA Tour event. The native of Blainville, Que., beat sixth-seeded Marion Bartoli 7-5, 6-3 to capture the Bank of the West Classic. Wozniak entered the week as the 85th-ranked player in the world.

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Blue Jays avoid sweep by Rays

BLUE JAYS 9 RAYS 4

MLB Alex Rios and Marco Scutaro homered and the Blue Jays avoided a three-game sweep with a 9-4 victory over the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays yesterday.

Scutaro hit a three-run homer off Edwin Jackson during the fifth to put the Blue Jays ahead 6-4. Rios had a two-run homer in the third and added a run-scoring double during a three-run seventh that extended Toronto's lead to 9-4.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harrington repeats at Open

Irishman ends veteran Norman's dream of major victory

Padraig Harrington's wrist hurt so much he wondered if he could even play in this British Open. Well, it was strong enough to hoist the silver Claret Jug.

Harrington became the first European in more than a century to win golf's oldest championship two years is a row, smashing a pair of fairway metals into the par 5s yesterday that allowed him to pull away from mistake-prone Greg Norman and hold off a late charge by Ian Poulter. Even in the relentless wind, Harrington managed to shoot 32 on the back nine to close with a 1-under 69 for a four-shot victory.

And to think he gave himself only a 75 per cent chance of teeing off on Thursday, and only a 50 per cent chance of finishing.

No one bothered asking him the odds of winning.

"I knew my game was there, but maybe this week I made the right decision at the right time, and got the right break at the right time," Harrington said.

Harrington finished at 3-over 283, becoming the first European since James Braid in 1905-06 to win the Open in successive years. It was his first victory since the British Open last year, and moved him to No. 3 in the world.

Norman still had a one-shot lead going to the back nine, but bogeyed three of the next four holes and had to settle for a 77 and a tie for third with Henrik Stenson.

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Padraig Harrington celebrates with the Claret Jug after winning the 137th British Open yesterday at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England.

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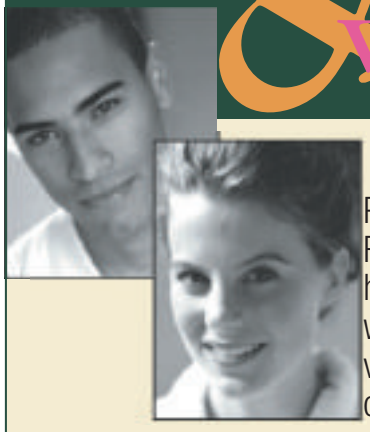

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NFL
The Washington Redskins traded for defensive end Jason Taylor yesterday, sending two draft picks to the Miami Dolphins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joseph rallies Argos to win

ARGONAUTS 35 ESKIMOS 31

CFL Kerry Joseph scored on a 13-yard run with 23 seconds remaining to rally the Argonauts to a thrilling 35-31 win over the Edmonton Eskimos yesterday at Rogers Centre.

Joseph marched Toronto 109 yards on 11 plays on their decisive march to lead Toronto to a split of the home-and-home series. Joseph, who led CFL quarterbacks in rushing last year with over 700 yards, finished with a game-high 118 yards rushing. Joseph was 22-of-38 passing for 343 yards and a TD.

Argos receiver James Robinson also had a brilliant game with 10 catches for 194 yards and a TD.

Toronto improved to 8-2 in its last 10 games against Edmonton and earned its first victory in three contests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

RACING Lewis Hamilton won the German Grand Prix yesterday to seize the lead in the F1 driver's race. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOTTERIES

Friday, July 18, 2008
Lotto Super 7 9, 11, 12, 22, 34, 35 & 37. Bonus 7.
Pick-3 6 5 9
Pick-4 9 9 6 2
Encore 5669848
Daily Keno 3, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23, 26, 34, 38, 39, 40, 45, 60, 61, 65, 67, 70.

Saturday, July 19, 2008
Lotto 6/49 10, 20, 28, 36, 40 & 46. Bonus 23.
Ontario 49 2, 11, 23, 38, 45 & 49. Bonus 4.
Lottario 9, 19, 22, 24, 41 & 44. Bonus 37.
Early Bird 14, 15, 26 & 33.
Pick-3 5 1 9
Pick-4 4 5 7 8
Encore 6747304
Daily Keno 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26, 32, 35, 37, 42, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 58, 65.

Sunday, July 20, 2008
Ontario Pick 3 0 5 0
Ontario Pick 4 6 8 2 2
Encore 4472504
Daily Keno 3, 4, 11, 12, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 40, 41, 53, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68.
Results not official

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	57	40	.588	—
Boston	57	42	.576	1
N.Y. Yankees	53	45	.541	4½
Toronto	48	50	.490	9½
Baltimore	47	50	.485	10

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	55	42	.567	—
Minnesota	55	43	.561	½
Detroit	49	49	.500	6½
Kansas City	45	54	.455	11
Cleveland	43	54	.443	12

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	59	38	.608	—
Oakland	51	47	.520	8½
Texas	51	48	.515	9
Seattle	38	60	.388	21½

NATIONAL LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	53	46	.535	—
Philadelphia	53	46	.535	—
Florida	52	46	.531	½
Atlanta	46	52	.469	6½
Washington	38	61	.384	15

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	58	40	.592	—
St. Louis	57	43	.570	2
Milwaukee	55	43	.561	3
Cincinnati	48	52	.480	11
Houston	46	52	.469	12
Pittsburgh	44	54	.449	14

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	48	50	.490	—
Los Angeles	48	50	.490	—
Colorado	43	57	.430	6
San Francisco	40	58	.408	8
San Diego	37	62	.374	11½

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 9 Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland 6 Seattle 2
Detroit 5 Baltimore 1
Kansas City 8 Chicago White Sox 7
N.Y. Yankees 2 Oakland 1
Texas 1 Minnesota 0
Boston at L.A. Angels
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 9 Houston 0
Colorado 11 Pittsburgh 3
Florida 3 Philadelphia 2 (11 ings)
L.A. Dodgers 6 Arizona 5
Milwaukee 7 San Francisco 4
N.Y. Mets 7 Cincinnati 5 (10 ings)
St. Louis 9 San Diego 5
Washington 15 Atlanta 6
TONIGHT'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 8:11
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:05
Boston at Seattle, 10:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:05
Atlanta at Florida, 7:10
San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:10
Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:05
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 9:05
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 9:40

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	2	2	0	4
Toronto	2	2	0	4
Hamilton	1	3	0	2
Winnipeg	0	4	0	0

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	GB
Saskatchewan	4	0	0	8
Calgary	3	1	0	6
Edmonton	2	2	0	4
B.C.	2	2	0	4

WEEK 4
SUNDAY'S RESULT
Toronto 35 Edmonton 31
SATURDAY'S RESULT
Saskatchewan 41 Montreal 33
FRIDAY'S RESULT
B.C. 27 Winnipeg 18
THURSDAY'S RESULT
Calgary 43 Hamilton 16

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SATURDAY'S RESULT
San Jose 0 **TORONTO** 0
TOMORROW'S GAME
Montreal at **TORONTO**, 7

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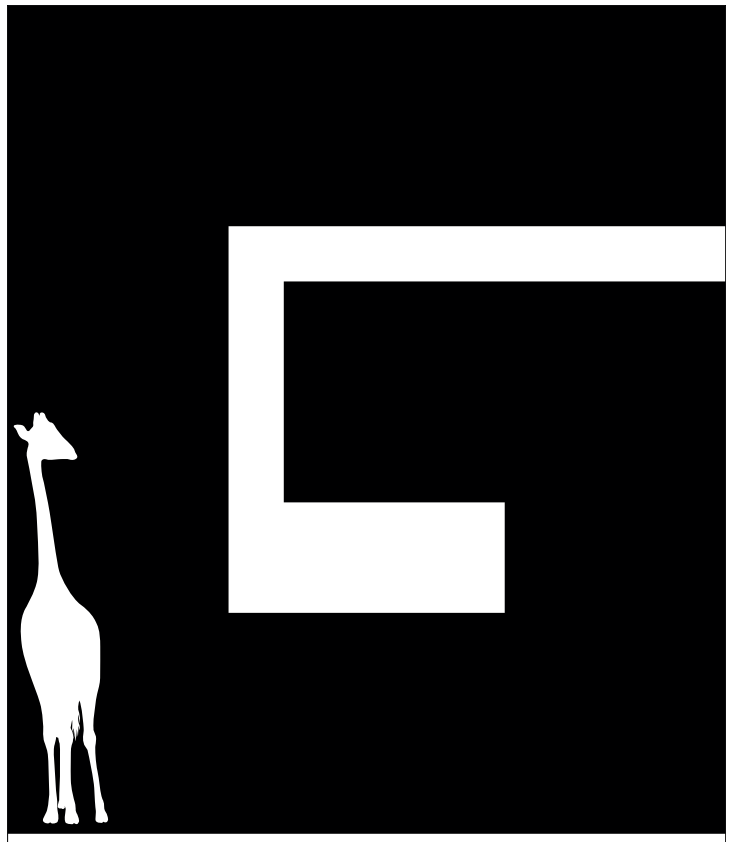

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Beach volleyball

Toronto's Mark Heese, a medallist in 1996, and Ahren Cadieux have failed to qualify for Beijing. The pair needed to place in the top 10 last week in France in the final qualification tournament, but placed 17th. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Beijing Games

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Tomorrow's lineup

INSTANT ATTRACTION It took Tracy Cameron less than a week in a scull to decide rowing was going to take her to the Olympics. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

17 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

'It's been a struggle'

Financing career as an athlete has been tough, swimmer Sioui says

NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Canada

Chasing girls got Adam Sioui into the pool and sustained satisfaction kept him there, but it was parental pocketbooks that provided him buoyancy for 17 years.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CANADA

Long hours of training and working a steady job just don't mix for top athletes, making the financial burden even greater.

Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Peirce said the "image of the 'poor starving athlete' is now pretty much a myth," and while Sioui's ribs aren't sticking together, he humbly begs to differ.

"It has definitely been a struggle," said Sioui, a three-event swimming representative for Canada in Beijing. "If my parents weren't there to give me money, to give me support of all kinds, it's hard to say, but I don't think I would have made it to this level."

His mother, Lori, Beijing-bound along with his father Stephen and sister Devon, said she "can't even begin to guess" how much dough freely flowed from family coffers and spilled into her son's career.

She doesn't want to know, either.

"We always found the money somewhere. We never regretted spending one dime because, as a parent, when your child is into something like that, you just find ways to make it work," she said. "Now that he's accomplished his dream, it's all worth it."

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Athletics

Double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius will not compete for South Africa against able-bodied athletes at the Beijing Olympics after failing to make the roster for the 1,600-metre relay team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing Games countdown

Funding pledge

In February, the federal government pledged $20 million for Summer Olympic-calibre athletes over the next two years and $24 million every year thereafter.

Only $8 million will hit bank accounts in 2008. That's a far cry from the $110 million committed in the Own The Podium program for Vancouver 2010, and too late for Canada's Beijing medal hopefuls such as Sioui, the NCAA's 2002 butterfly champ as a freshman on full scholarship at the University of Florida, who has seen the best and worst of times.

At the age of 18, with nine years' experience tucked into his Speedo, the 6-foot-6 swimmer missed the 2000 Olympics by three-tenths of a second. It was the first time he'd ever missed a target time, and the first time he'd failed to make a team.

A lack of confidence evaporated his second Olympic trial try in 2004, missing the mark by six-tenths of a second.

"I needed a fresh start, a fresh outlook. Swimming just takes you over ... and if you don't have a balance in your life, it can be detrimental to a fault," he says.

After moving to train at the University of Calgary two years ago, the Trenton, Ont., registered Huron Tribe member got his fresh start, his "last shot unless something miraculous happens."

He's in the best form of his career and his coach, Jan Bidrman, who will be on deck in Beijing, said the 4x200-metre freestyle relay medal contender is one of the best swimmers the University of Calgary has "ever seen," putting him in the ranks of Curtis Myden, three-time Olympic bronze medallist.

A part-time job would have derailed his Olympic dreams "because swimming is pretty close to a full-time job at this level," he says. "I definitely couldn't have done this alone."

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CANADA

Canadian Olympic swimmer Adam Sioui is no stranger to the financial struggles of being a high-performance athlete.

by the numbers

$21,000 The rough amount Adam Sioui receives in grants from agencies.

1:57.98 Sioui's eight-year-old Canadian record-smashing time in the 200-metre butterfly, which was set at the Beijing Olympic Trials.

9 The age at which Sioui, now 26, started swimming with the Dolphins club.

2 The amount of time in weeks that Sioui took off from swimming last year.

60 kilometres is his average weekly swim.

Germany beats Puerto Rico to grab final Olympic berth

BASKETBALL Germany won the final spot in the 12-team Olympic basketball tournament, getting 32 points from Dirk Nowitzki yesterday in a 96-82 victory over Puerto Rico.

Croatia, which ousted Canada on Friday, and Greece earned the other two men's berths at stake in this qualifying tournament a day earlier.

Jose Barea, who plays with Nowitzki on the Dallas Mavericks, led Puerto Rico with 18 points. L.A. Clippers centre Chris Kaman, who was granted German citizenship earlier this month, had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Nowitzki

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Going Green

Light bulbs

If every Canadian household replaced just one 60-watt incandescent bulb with an Energy Star qualified 20-watt compact fluorescent bulb, the environmental benefit would be equivalent to taking 66,000 cars off the road, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

Don't overlook B.C.'s biodiversity

Province home to thousands of plants, animals that make it critical to Canada's wealth

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola

One of my proudest moments came in 1992 at the inaugural Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Along with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (which in turn led to the Kyoto Protocol), a second key outcome of this international meeting was the signing of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a groundbreaking agreement founded on the principle that conserving biological diversity is "a common concern of all humankind." Canada was the first of 189 countries to sign the agreement.

B.C.'s Conservation Framework for protecting wildlife, released on July 9, made me realize, though, that all the agreements in the world won't add up to much if they aren't followed with action. For B.C., the stakes couldn't be higher. The government's new policy was accompanied by research on the health of the province's wildlife and wilderness, which paints a dire picture. Some 1,640 species (or 43 per cent of assessed wildlife) and four "biogeoclimatic zones" (about 5 per cent of B.C.'s land base) are threatened enough to be of conservation concern.

Biological richness

- B.C. is home to 76 per cent of Canada's bird species, 70 per cent of its freshwater fish, 60 per cent of its evergreen trees, and thousands of other plants and animals. That biological richness makes it a critical part of Canada's overall wealth. Only 16 northern spotted owls, right, are left in B.C.

B.C. and Alberta are the only provinces that don't have endangered species laws. But these laws are essential to addressing such a serious problem.

British Columbia needs a clear law to recover wildlife at risk and to protect habitat to prevent species from becoming at risk in the first place. B.C. could look to Ontario, which enacted a new Endangered Species Act in 2007. Although the Ontario law isn't perfect, it includes strong wording for habitat protection and mandatory planning for the recovery of endangered and threatened species.

The loss of biodiversity affects not just the production of commodities like the food we eat, the timber we use to build our homes, and the medicines we use to heal ourselves, but many other so-called "ecosystem services" as well, like clean air and clean water. However, according to the United Nations, two-thirds of the ecosystem services provided by nature are threatened by human actions, such as unsustainable logging, pollution, and global warming.

It's been 16 years since my hopes were raised that humanity was on the right track to creating a world that recognized the importance of biodiversity to human survival. And yet, the crisis in biodiversity has worsened.

The B.C. government, along with all of Canada, still has the opportunity to lead the way. Its new policy for wildlife protection may be a start, but it doesn't match the kind of leadership the province has shown in combating global warming.

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The good news is there are lots of ways you and your loved ones can help keep Canada clean and green year-round. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and the Vancouver Aquarium offer the following suggestions:

- Recycle and clean up your garbage, no matter where you are.
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts and cigar tips.
- Bring reusable bags with you when shopping as a way to reduce the number of plastic bags ending up in landfills or on shorelines.
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Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

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News in brief

FACEBOOK Team GreeNet, two students from B.C.'s Simon Fraser University, have created a Facebook application interface called GreeNet to raise awareness of unsustainable energy consumption. The GreeNet system provides users with an interface that acts as a virtual garden, where their participation in energy-conscious activities effects the growth of plants within that space. In addition to personal energy consumption, the consumption ratings of online friends who also use the GreeNet application are provided for comparison.

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New chancellor for VIU

Chief Shawn Atleo was appointed the first chancellor of the new Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina University-College) recently. Chief Atleo serves as the Regional Chief of B.C. to the Assembly of First Nations, and is a member of the AFN Executive Committee. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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'The melding of science and art'

65 million-year-old bones are subject of dinosaur caster's day job

OddJobs

In 1977, the paleontology department at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum wanted a technician who could mould and cast fossils. Fresh out of the fine arts program with a specialization in sculpture at the University of Guelph, Peter May thought he could do the job.

At the interview, however, he just wanted to get his hands dirty on the museum's new technology. "I didn't care about the job, I just wanted to know how they were making moulds." Soon, he had dust all over his good suit. "I don't know anything about dinosaurs," he told the interviewer. "Don't worry, it'll come," he was told. May was hired on the spot.

Now, nearly 30 years later, 53-year-old May runs Trenton, Ont.'s Research Casting International, one of the few companies in the world that moulds and casts dinosaur bones and other fossils, and mounts full museum installations. Over the last twenty years, he and his staff have worked on 250 museum exhibits around the world, including the Barosaurus "Gordo" at the ROM and the dinosaur exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

Back in 1986, while he was working as the ROM's head technician, May started getting calls from other museums. May would rent space to put together a dinosaur or fossil exhibit, and would shut down until the next job. "One day it never shut down," says May. Eventually, he left the ROM — business was booming as many museums didn't have the proper ventilation to do work that created fumes.

One of the few places in the world that casts dinosaur bones for museums is in Trenton, Ont.

May recently moved his 20-employee company to a 48,000-square-foot site in Trenton. Here, staff can start with a dinosaur bone still stuck in rock and extract it using chisels, picks and mechanical equipment. They then harden and preserve the fossil with liquid plastic. To duplicate the bone for an exhibit, staff makes a mould out of plastic and fill it with fibreglass, epoxy or cement. The bone's then painted and May's blacksmith — one of his few highly trained staff members, most others learn on the job just like he did — creates the metal armature to put the animal together.

After staff assembles the dinosaur, they send pictures out to expert to make sure the bone placement and pose are correct. In modular parts, the animal gets crated up and shipped to the museum, where staff will put it back up again.

These days, May spends most of his time running the company. But every once in awhile he feels the need to get his hands dirty, so he goes down to the floor to help mould or mount a dinosaur when a deadline is pressing. "It's exciting work. It's working with your hands and being creative. The melding of science and art."

Diane Peters is a professional journalist and instructor at Ryerson University's School of Journalism in Toronto.

The Lowdown

Dinosaur Caster

- **Salary:** Up to $25 an hour
- **Education:** Anything from a degree in English to fine arts to blacksmith training will do — you learn mainly on the job
- **Best Part of the Job:** "Mounting the skeleton. As you're working on the skeleton, you're thinking about the animal, what it was doing."
- **The Worst Part of the Job:** "Hitting a deadline. The museum exhibit is going to open on a given day, and you have to be done. Sometimes when that day comes and we don't have all the information we need, it can become a scramble."

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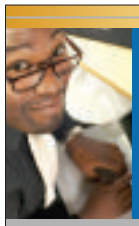

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Rocky college collective
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Discretion key in job romance

Go for workplace relationships, but it counts to be wary, most experts say

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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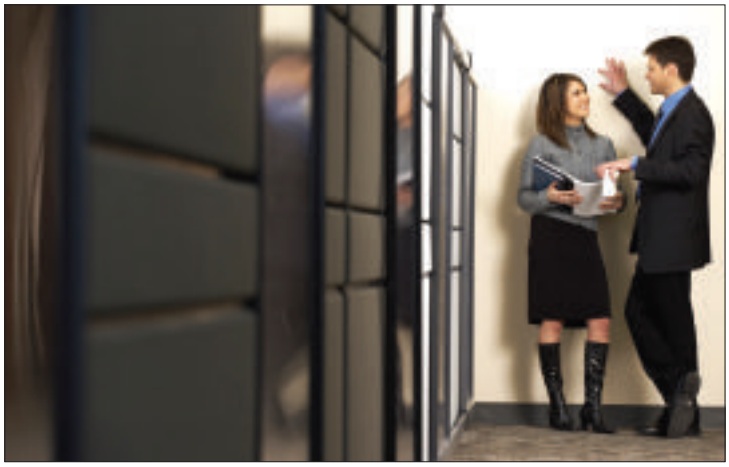
Falling in love with someone at work? Go for it, experts say, but stay discreet and be mature about it.


If there is one thing to keep in mind with office romances, it's to keep it discreet.

Perhaps the biggest reason workplace romances are relatively common is that for most love-seekers the office is the only place to meet people. Life coach Linda Kaban says any way you look at it, the workplace is actually a rather rich dating arena.

"Because people's lives revolve around work and home, work is the easiest place to meet someone. You have a huge pool to draw on, every type, every level of person and everyone wants the best for themselves," Kaban said.

Kaban's attitude is simple — life is short and chances to find love are often surprising and fleeting, so take the plunge but act like an adult.

"Anything that brings you happiness, go for it. We're all adults, and I believe you have to grab onto happiness when it's within reach," Kaban said.

Suzanne Kavanagh, a former George Brown College human resources professor who supervised studies of workplace relationships, suggests that if you do decide to follow your heart, be discreet and use common sense.

"Personally, I would say keep it private. Once it becomes public it involves the entire department. And what happens when you break up and you have to go back to the office? You've got to be thinking about tomorrow," Kavanagh said.

Of course, when workplace break-ups do happen, the results can be disastrous. Unlike normal break-ups where you can just turn your phone off or discreetly click unwanted e-mails into the trash bin, workplace fallouts can mean having to see and work with your ex on a daily basis. Not everyone can handle that — Kavanagh says one woman walked up dozens of flights of stairs every day for months just to avoid the risk of meeting her former flame in the elevator.

Ultimately though, Kaban suggests bad break-ups can happen anywhere and fizzled romances in the workplace just require more maturity to confront well.

"If you do break up, you have to be an adult about it, or just make everyone miserable," Kaban joked.

While most businesses do have nepotism policies in place to prevent favouritism towards lovers or family members, Claude Balthazard, a director at the Human Resources Professional Association (HRPA), says very few go so far as to ban or even comment on romantic involvements directly.

Balthazard says most companies are concerned only with whether your conduct at work affects your performance negatively or harms the company in some other way, such as funnelling contracts to a vendor you are involved with. Generally, companies will only reprimand employees if their office romance is hurting their performance or harming office morale.

"Most employers don't care much about the relationship part, they care about the work part. If it's going to cloud your judgment or impair your ability to do your work, that's where companies will draw the line. But usually employers don't like to go there unless it's creating a problem," Balthazard said.

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"Anything that brings you happiness, go for it."
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College support staff authorize strike action

More than 6,500 support staff at Ontario's 24 colleges have voted in favour of authorizing a possible strike. In a province-wide vote held July 10 and16, 79 per cent of full-time support staff rejected the latest offer from the Colleges Compensation and Appointments Council. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Making do when unhappy at work

Sam Glenn followed some wise counsel when he found himself in a bad job situation — his mother told him, first, don't quit. And second, to have a frank chat with his boss at the small computer communications firm where he worked.

In today's economy, even if you're dissatisfied with your job, you shouldn't quit, experts say.

Feeling trapped in an unhappy work environment is sending many people in search of solace and advice. With the economy sputtering and unemployment on the rise, these workers are trying to make the best of a bad situation rather than not have a job at all.

Experts say it's critical at such a time to not burn bridges with an employer.

"No matter how unhappy you are, it's important to come in to work with your game face on so that you can be sure of retaining your current job while you're thinking about finding another one," said Mary Crane, a Denver-based consultant to Fortune 500 companies and law firms.

In fact, she says, it's advisable to even think about arriving early or staying late — acting eager and excited even if you feel the opposite. "Make yourself the one person that every manager would hate to lose," Crane said.

Glenn, 37, relied on his mother's wisdom to survive a difficult first job out of college. Stuck with an overbearing, short-fused boss, he set up a meeting with him and asked if he could have someone else supervise him.

"I said, 'Look, if you want me to do better here and get you the sales you want, I need a different supervisor. I don't do well when I'm being micromanaged,'" Glenn said. "'And No. 2, sometimes you yell a lot, and I don't do well with people who yell at me.'"

That might sound risky, but it proved a sound strategy. His mother sold him on the idea by comparing it to a tactic he'd used successfully in junior high: Challenging the school bully to a fight in front of the principal.

Just as the bully backed down and stopped bothering him, so did the boss. Inspired by that success, Glenn went on to become a workplace consultant and motivational speaker focusing on attitudes in the workplace.

Bad managers may be even more abundant in today's conditions.

"There's so much stress, anxiety and fear because of the economy," Glenn said. "The sad thing is, all these managers feel all this pressure to keep their business in the green."

Distressed workers e-mail Glenn about their workplace plights.

A woman named Susan who worked in insurance claims at a Fortune 100 company said her doctor told her that her breast cancer was likely caused by all the stress put on her by a boss who mistreated employees. After taking a medical leave to undergo chemotherapy, she had to decide whether to return to a bad work situation just for the health benefits.

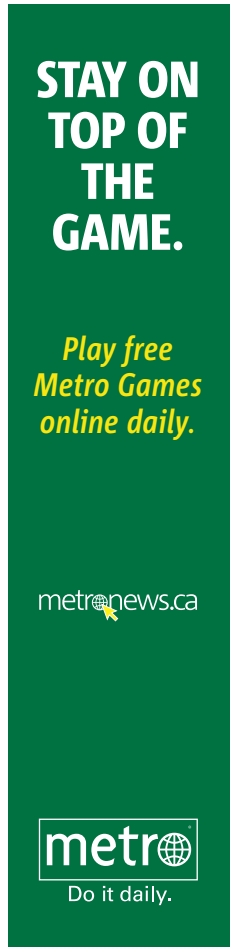
Another woman, who works for a Miami company that sells refurbished copy machines, said her employer used fear as a motivational tactic and wrote people up if they didn't produce at a certain level every week, or even if they were 10 minutes late. She broke out in hives and could only focus on not losing her job, not on performing well.

The advice for both: Consult the company's human resources department for professional recommendations.

Susan ended up retiring early after getting assistance from HR. The Miami woman chose to become more realistic and to work harder, Glenn said, realizing she wasn't in complete control of whether she lost her job and had an opportunity to shine if she didn't. THE CANADIAN PRESS

dos and don'ts

Crane's dos and don'ts for those dissatisfied with their current positions includes one that may be tough to follow: Don't let co-workers know how unhappy you are — word might get back to the bosses.



Sault College unveils campus wind turbine
Sault College, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., held a grand opening ceremony yesterday for the Brookfield Renewable Energy Training Centre, as well as the inaugural operation of its wind turbine, which will generate power for the college's Student Life Centre. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Career Finder

Some tips on surviving an unhappy job environment

WORKPLACE Here are some suggestions for people trying to survive an unhappy job environment:
• Ask if you can telecommute at least once a week.
• Ask for a more flexible schedule, such as working early-morning, late-night or weekend shifts. This will allow you to avoid trouble with co-workers as well as traffic.
• Move closer to work. This will allow you to get in to work earlier; without a long commute, you stay fresher and happier throughout the day.
• Make an anonymous suggestion for corporate retreats/seminars covering topics such as teamwork, anger/stress management or cultural sensitivity.
• If you have a really boring job, ask if you can contribute in more creative ways that might be fun.
• For example, if you enjoy writing, volunteer to do the company newsletter (in exchange for doing less official work, of course).
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Desperate ending

Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry has set a deadline for the hit show to come to an end — insisting the program will definitely finish in 2011. "We're going to get out while people still like us," he said. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Lennon project

John Lennon's upbringing is to be the subject of a new film. Nowhere Boy will examine Lennon's formative years and the influence his aunt and parents had on his talent for music. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Entertainment in brief

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Fans of MVP: The Secret Lives of Hockey Wives, can now watch the first season as many times as they wish, with the show's DVD now available in Canada.

"It's all part of the next chapter in the MVP story. The show that just won't die," said Dillon Casey, who plays the role of rookie hockey player, Trevor Lemonde.

The show is a fictional take on the lives of hockey players as well as their wives and girlfriends, when they are off the ice.

After being cancelled on the CBC, the series found new life on ABC's SOAPnet, a U.S. cable channel.

While the future of the show is still up in the air, Joanne Dullard of Screen Door, the production company currently representing the series, is looking forward to what will become of the series.

MVP: The Secret Lives of Hockey Wives, starring Dillon Casey as a rookie hockey player, is now available in stores on DVD.

"We're very hopeful for the future of MVP. It's being well-received in the U.S. and we're thrilled with the success on ABC's SOAPnet."

The CBC show was cancelled earlier this year due to its poor ratings.

"I just felt we never really got a fair showing to let the country see who we were and what the show is about," said Deborah Odell, who plays one of the lead female roles.

Now that the show has transitioned from CBC to SOAPnet, MVP is now being considered a soap opera. But Casey believes MVP is different than some of its competitors.

"It doesn't try to be something that it's not. It's very edgy, Canadian television," he said. "It just goes for it. It's very risky; it's got a lot of good characters, very strong women and just explores the world (of hockey)."

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **The Dark Knight:** $155.34 million US
2. **Mamma Mia!:** $27.6 million
3. **Hancock:** $14 million
4. **Journey to the Center of the Earth:** $11.9 million
5. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army:** $10 million
6. **WALL-E:** $9.8 million
7. **Space Chimps:** $7.4 million
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Ladies cancel kids' show
The Barenaked Ladies cancelled a scheduled performance at a children's concert in New York following drug possession charges against lead singer Steven Page. The band's website said it was out of respect for the event's sponsor, Disney. THE CANADIAN PRESS

24's Canadian contingent grows

Star Sutherland talks of 'bad mistake'

When 24 finally returns this November in a two-hour prequel, Jack Bauer will find himself, once again, surrounded by the one international force he cannot seem to shake: Canadians.

24: Exile, which finds Kiefer Sutherland's indestructible counter-terrorist agent Jack Bauer stumbling into a new mission in Africa, will air Nov. 23, with the seventh season premiering in January.

Along with Sutherland, showrunner Jon Cassar, a veteran Canadian TV director, is one of the reasons so many Canucks join 24 every year. Both took part in press tour sessions with critics this week in L.A..

Among the Canadians booked for a 24 tour of duty this season are Colm Feore (Trudeau), and former Ally McBeal star Gil Bellows.

Not all the actors being added are Canadian. Academy Award-winner Jon Voight and Scottish actor Robert Carlyle (Trainspotting) are also on board.

But the main draw at this press tour was Sutherland himself. The 41-year-old actor feels a strong loyalty to the press who he feels kept the show on the air during that slow-to-build first season. Long after most established series stars start skipping press tours, he's on the floor answering every question.

Even if it makes him wince. Backed up against double doors and surrounded by reporters with microphones, he addressed his seven-week stint in a correctional facility this past winter, a result of an impaired driving conviction.

"I made a really bad mistake, and going back to work, which was something I felt comfortable doing, is a safe place," Sutherland said. "I have friends that made similar mistakes and have not been that lucky. I was very aware of how lucky I was."

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Canadian actors will join Kiefer Sutherland on this season of 24.

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Khloe Kardashian

Reality star does hard time — whole three hours worth

DRUNK DRIVING Khloe Kardashian's stay in jail Friday may have been brief, but it did include a bit of drama: A jailhouse lockdown.

The reality TV starlet spent roughly three hours in a Los Angeles area jail for violating probation stemming from a drunk driving arrest last year.

Shortly before her arrival, someone called in a bomb threat and the facility had to be locked down.

The threat was not related to Kardashian's arrival, and she was placed in a holding cell for her safety. The call turned out to be a hoax.

Kardashian is featured on E! Entertainment Television's Keeping Up With The Kardashians.

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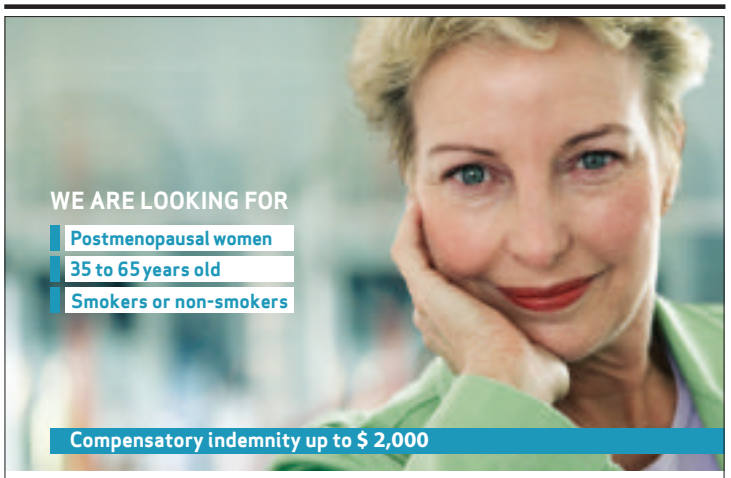

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Cruising into a reprisal?

Tom Cruise, left, is set to star in a Top Gun sequel. The actor, who starred as arrogant pilot Pete Maverick Mitchell in the hit 1986 action movie, is reportedly reprising his role for a new movie. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Live big in a small space

Fancy, ahem, adding a little extra where you, ahem, need it most? Stick with us kids. We've got it sorted. However crammed your house or tight your condo, here's how to max up and make it at least feel far more commodious.

Be flexible:

Use 'smart' double duty furniture such as sofas that unfold into beds, coffee tables that raise to become dining tables or upholstered ottomans with removable tops that would make the perfect seat, toy box or foot stool.

Make a wheel difference:

Position wheeled storage cubes, side lamps atop, on either side of your sofa for a slick modern aesthetic. Fancy a change? Remove lamps and push into the centre of your space to make the perfect coffee table. But there's more: Lift the lids for immediate access to magazines, books and newspapers. Bingo!

Small scale thinking:

To maximize space, lose that big box PC in favour of a small, slim laptop that can be stored away when not in use. Or swap elaborate outsize squashy chesterfields for smaller compact sofas and chairs.

Behind closed doors:

We recently created a glorious white galley kitchen in a TINY London condo and, because our client works from home, assigned one side of the room to food prep and the other to his stock market

business. On first glance the long white room looks like kitchen heaven, however open doors on one side and computer, files and photocopier suddenly appear.

What's more, a section of worktop pulls out by 40 cm to create a handy desk where our chap can go about his business! Close the doors, push back the counter… and serene culinary calm is restored.

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Rapper DMX has been arrested on suspicion he gave a false name to get out of paying for hospital medical expenses, police said. County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said the star told Mayo Clinic in Arizona that his name was Troy Jones and failed to pay a $7,500 US bill in April. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Undeclared short, sweet

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REVENGE IS SWEET: While interviewing Jay Baruchel for Just Buried, his latest film, I couldn't resist asking the Montreal native about his experiences on Undeclared, the short-lived Fox series that lasted just 17 episodes in the fall of 2001 before being canceled by the axe-happy network.

He jumped on the subject with relish, clearly able to get past the bad memories of the show's ignominious end and enjoy the reputation the show now enjoys, and the success that its cast — which included Baruchel alongside Seth Rogen and Jason Segel — and creator, Judd Apatow, have enjoyed since then.

"It was my introduction to America with the exception of the three days of work I did on Almost Famous," Baruchel recalls. "I was like, 'Oh, we're going to rehearse and improvise, and what character am I playing? You're basing the character on me? That's fucking crazy. Literally there were no characters. We rehearsed for three weeks in workshops and they based the pilot on that. Which is pretty uncommon, you're never given that much freedom. And then throughout the shooting of the series, every actor, every writer, every director was like 'This is the best show on television, isn't it?' I can't tell you how much that informs the work when everybody — it's different to say it than to generally know it, and we generally knew that we were funnier and stronger than anything else on TV, so I can't tell you what that feels like, making a show like that."

Things got bad fast, though, and when Apatow wasn't fending off witless "notes" sent down from production executives, Fox was preempting the show for sports events or reruns of That '70s Show, its leadin, and showing episodes out of order. With the announcement of That '80s Show, Baruchel and the cast saw the writing on the wall.

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Jay Baruchel fondly remembers the short-lived show Undeclared.

"We went to this Fox party, which they were trying to make like our farewell thing — they said 'You guys can come — we'll give you one more party you can show up to.' We show up and it's all purple lighting and there are Madonna impersonators walking around and Michael Jackson impersonators, and I was like, 'We're really getting canceled, aren't we?' I can't think of something that's more an antithesis of Undeclared than That '80s Show."

Undeclared might have been canned after 17 episodes, but its DVD box set is a cherished item — a status the three aired episodes of That '80s show will never enjoy, and Baruchel says that he still gets a kick out of gloating about it all.

"Anybody who tells you any different is lying. Very much so. As petty as it sounds, there are few things that feel as good as watching somebody that has the power to make or break careers eating crow and humble pie. I know how it tastes; I'd like them to tell me how it tastes. I always want to hear it from them."

GONE FISHING: That's it for me for two weeks, while I retreat to a cabin overlooking the Bay Of Fundy with no television. See you all in August.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Canadian drama hits ratings gold

SERIES Flashpoint may be much more than a U.S. flash in the pan.

CBS is so pleased with its recent premiere ratings for its Canadian-produced drama that — if it continues to perform beyond expectations — the network could extend the series beyond the existing 13-episode summer order.

Flashpoint, a rare, cross-border co-production between CBS and CTV, drew 8.13 million viewers on CBS on its July 11 debut, scoring an additional 1.1 million Canadian viewers on CTV. The show follows the adventures of an elite police task force.

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	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		Taken Eric Crawford pursues Jacob and Jesse. (DVS)				Stargate SG-1
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV e2	Cribs	4REAL	Next	Super Sweet	Engaged	Living on Edge	Living on Edge	MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Deal or No Deal Canada		ET Canada	What Happen?	X-Weighted "Sarah"		Are You Smarter		Deal-No Deal
	603	561	56	FOOD	Road Grill (N)	Licence to Grill	Restaurant Makeover		Good Eats	Perfection	Kitchen Nightmares		Restaurant
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Prime Minister	Wait for God	China in the Red (Part 1 of 2)		China in the Red (Part 2 of 2)		Footbinding
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	Scott Baio	Old Skool	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk
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	526	507	249	CLT	The West Wing		The Great Anglo-Boer War		Decoding the Past		Traders		The West Wing
	300	601	301	M1	(5:45) Ocean's Thirteen		Stargate Atlantis (N)		Californication	Californication	Penn & Teller	This Am. Life	The Business
	305	612	306	PIX	(6:45) Mississippi Burning ★★★ (1988, Drama)				The French Connection ★★★★ (1971)			French Connection II	

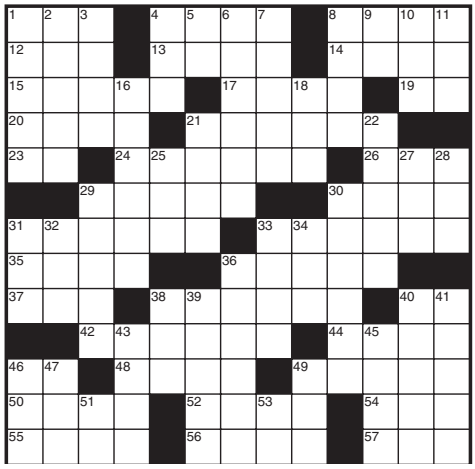
critics' corner

Footbinding: Search for the Three Inch Golden Lotus
The binding of women's feet, a centuries-old custom in China, was banned in 1911 but didn't completely disappear until the 1930s. In this documentary, Chinese-Canadian filmmaker Yue-Qing Yang, whose mother, aunt and grandmother had bound feet, travels to China in an effort to learn why women persisted in carrying on the painful ritual, talking to women in remote parts of the country as well as her mother and aunt back home. 11 PM on V

Mississippi Burning
Based on true events, director Alan Parker's powerful 1988 drama of 1960s racial unrest in the South boasts superb performances by Gene Hackman and Willem Dafoe. They're cast as FBI agents reluctantly teamed to probe the mysterious disappearances of three civil rights workers. The mind-sets and methods of the two investigators prove vastly different. Frances McDormand, Brad Dourif and R. Lee Ermey co-star. 9:50 AM on PIX

Memorial Actors Billy Crystal, left, and Robert De Niro are spearheading a campaign to build a memorial for the victims of the 9/11 attacks in New York. Crystal has been named director of National September 11 Memorial and Museum Foundation. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Gym dance
4 Zoo barker
8 Learn about
12 Pitcher's stat
13 Raison d' —
14 Therefore
15 Words to the audience
17 Loan figure
19 Guru's mantra
20 Was driven
21 Cloud-seeding compound
23 Nashville's st.
24 Window-shop
26 Plow into
29 Makes tea
30 French Legion headgear
31Enzyme . . . . .secretion
33Piece of china
35Incoming-plane stats
36Charred
37Semi front
38 Bleach
40 Squawkbox, briefly
42 Track event
44 Work a muscle
46 Not med.
48 McNally's partner
49 Steer
50 Author — Rice
52 Ms. Raines of old movies
54 Bad, for Yves
55 Paper source
56 Real bargain
57Subway opposites

Crossword down

1 Locket shape
2 Welles or Bean
3 Forked over
4 Visit
5 UFO pilot
6 Longbow need
7 Is ahead
8 Sax mouthpiece
9 MD station
10 In the past
11 Monastic title
16 Rubble
18 Bind
21 Hawkeye state
22 Vertical
25 Give it the gas
27 Copy
28 First space lab
29 Tells a secret
30 Martial art (2 wds.)
31 Brut
32 — — moment's notice
33 Look good on
34 Son of Prince Valiant
36 Package
38 Swimsuit half
39 Like a tablet
40 Go biking
41 Ice-skating leaps
43 Kind of school
45 Margarita ingredient
46 Cozy seat
47 Wildebeest
49 Guy's date
51 Chicago Cubs org.
53 Refrain syllable

previous day's answer

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Truth is found in thoughtless actions. An obligation is mentioned in a clever story. Confirm your role and resentment will ease.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't pressure yourself about personal conflicts. A whiner enables you to blossom. A man will have all the answers.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Observer reveals the truth. Calm your emotions when dealing with a puzzling situation. Don't laugh when a scoundrel overhears gossip.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A wounded egotist takes out rage on innocent people. A family crisis will pass. Provide support during an unexpected health crisis.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It's OK to differ with a dark-haired man. There'll be improvements after a decision is made. Loneliness and alienation will pass.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get welcome news about a younger person. Be emotionally detached when making a choice. Time is running out for a blonde.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't feel stricken if nobody wants to mingle. A captivating person will take a drastic step. Don't fall in love with an overwrought person.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
Time will heal every wound. An exceptional event comes to a conclusion. A manager becomes a persuasive fiend.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
Healing occurs in a stimulating encounter. A good friend will be depressing. There's a happy journey to be taken.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
A legal issue begins to irritate. Get in on the action by being open minded. A fantastic event isn't what it seems.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
A companion needs your imagination. This isn't the right time to talk about eagerness. Something silly occurs between friends.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
A crisis occurs when the truth comes out. A gloomy woman demands answers. There's a chance to improve the status quo.

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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

7	6	1	2	8	5	4	3	9
2	9	4	1	6	3	5	7	8
8	5	3	4	7	9	6	1	2
9	1	2	7	4	6	3	8	5
4	8	6	3	5	2	1	9	7
3	7	5	8	9	1	2	6	4
6	2	8	5	1	7	9	4	3
1	3	7	9	2	4	8	5	6
5	4	9	6	3	8	7	2	1

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

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Sweethearts no more? The love affair between The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant and Shayne Lamas has ended. Just two days after Page Six reported Lamas had cheated on Grant with Las Vegas media mogul Justin Weneger, Lamas phoned Grant and called off the coupling. **PAGESIX.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Britney to pay K-Fed

SETTLEMENT Britney Spears' custody settlement with her ex-husband Kevin Federline, in which he retained sole custody of the couple's two sons, came at a price, People.com reports.

A source close to the singer confirms she'll now pay Federline $20,000 US a month in child support, an increase from $15,000.

Federline's lawyer, Mark Vincent Kaplan, also demanded and received $250,000 for his work on the case, the source adds.

"All Britney was seeking was a formalization of her increased visitation that she's obtained over recent weeks, and the additional overnight," the source said. "She won both of those requests."

Spears, who is represented by lawyer Laura Wasser, currently sees her sons twice a week with one overnight. The source adds that she will get an additional overnight by year's end, barring any setbacks.

At a press conference following Friday's hearing, Kaplan declined to address any monetary settlement. "This has been a long ordeal (for Kevin)," Kaplan said, "and for it to be over makes him very happy."

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Jolie, twins leave hospital

HEADING HOME Angelina Jolie and her twins left the hospital early Saturday, a week since she gave birth to Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline, People.com reports.

"Angelina Jolie left the Clinic Santa Maria of Fondation Lenval early in the morning of July 19th," hospital rep Nadine Bauer confirmed to People.

"The mother and babies are doing very well."

There were only a few journalists camped outside the Fondation Lenval hospital in Nice, France, early Saturday morning but even they didn't know for sure when Jolie slipped out of the hospital with her twins at 4 a.m. local time.

Jolie and the newest Jolie-Pitts left Lenval to join their excited siblings — Maddox, 6; Pax, 4; Zahara, 3; and Shiloh, 2 — at Chateau Miraval, the enormous and luxurious chateau in Correns, France, that Jolie and partner Brad Pitt rented in May.

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Madonna upset over bro's book

SIBLING RIFT Madonna is devastated her brother Christopher Ciccone has written a tell-all book about her life, according to the superstar's estranged sibling.

Speaking on U.K. TV show Gmtv on Friday, Ciccone revealed: "We do still e-mail but we haven't spoken (since the book was published).

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celebrity brief

Aniston shelling out for Mayer?

BEAUTY Jennifer Aniston has reportedly been spending $80,000 US a month on her appearance, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 39-year-old actress is allegedly worried her younger boyfriend, John Mayer, 30, will leave her for a younger woman and so has been splashing out to maintain her looks and figure. The sum reportedly includes $2,000 on a personal chef and $1,500 for one-on-one yoga sessions with Los Angeles' top instructor, Mary Ingber.

"Jennifer doesn't have time to prepare her own healthy meals, so she's signed up with this organic, high-protein, low-fat meal delivery service," a source said. Aniston has reportedly been shelling out on beauty treatments costing her hundreds of dollars a time.

A source added to Britain's Grazia magazine: "Jen invests up to $600 a month on maintaining her hair too."

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Troyer settles sex tape lawsuit

PEOPLE Actor Verne Troyer has settled a $20-million US lawsuit against the distributor and website which published his sex tape, imdb.com reports.

The footage — featuring Troyer's ex-girlfriend Ranae Shrider — hit the Internet last month, and Troyer successfully fought to have the tape removed from TMZ.com, which posted the video. Shrider has confessed to deliberately handing the video over to the media, claiming she acted in revenge after the Austin Powers star allegedly cheated on her — which the actor denies. She also defended her right to release the footage, insisting she is a partial owner.

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celebrity brief

Hayek, fiancé axe engagement

CANCELLED Salma Hayek has ended her engagement to billionaire Francois-Henri Pinault, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Hayek gave birth to their daughter Valentina in September.

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Kate won't butt out

SMOKING Kate Moss is refusing to quit smoking, insisting "it's who I am," imdb.com reports. She says, "I don't want to create a phony facade. I think I just have to be myself, or I'd just be a paranoid mess."

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